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1. Prior to 1 June 1950, the infantry officer candidate school in Pecs (Y 5/B 22), whose postal number was unknown, was located in three barracks installations of the post: the Zrinyi Miklos Barracks in the northwestern sector of the city, on the north side of Sziget Street, comprising quarters for the headquarters, the headquarters company and the 1st Bn, and stables for the horses of the school; the Nagy Jenoe Barracks, formerly Perenc Jozsef Barracks, located east of the Zrinyi Miklos Barracks and occupied by the 2d Bn; and the Bajcsy Zsilinszky Barracks located on the southern perimeter of the city, on the east side of Malom Street, and occupied by the 3d Bn, the field officer candidates school, and the motor transport company. The school, whose superior headquarters was not identified, was frequently inspected by officers of the Defense Ministry. *
2. Personalities of the school included Colonel Endre Matekovics, a 45 to 50-year old officer of the old army, who was promoted to the rank of major general and was serving in the Defense Ministry in mid-August 1950, as source learned through hearsay at that time; Lieutenant Colonel Kalman Csikor, also an officer of the old army, commanding officer of both the Bajcsy Zsilinszky Barracks and the 3d Bn; Major Schnetta (fnu), indoctrination officer; and the former Communist Party secretary of the town of Nagykanizsa (Y 4/A 26), political officer.
3. The men at the school were organized into the headquarters, the headquarters company, a motor transport company, the course of instruction for field-officer candidates, with 100 to 120 men, and the 1st, 2d and 3d Bn, the last mentioned numbering 500 men. The members of the school wore gold-bordered green epaulets except for the trainees of the course of instruction for field officer candidates, whose epaulets also had a gold "P". The motor transport company, commanded by Lieutenant Imre Russai, had two officers, including Lieutenant Zsigmon Kupas, motor transport officer, 1 motor vehicle maintenance sergeant, and 50 to 55 drivers and mechanics. It was equipped with 67 weapon carriers, 37 of which were for use, the rest being kept ready for special assignment; 2 GMC and 3 Raba-Super trucks; 8 sedans; and 25 motorcycles, some DKW, and some ZIS.
4. According to the maintenance sergeant, the members of the course of instruction for infantry officer candidates had served not less than one year, before being detailed to the course, which lasted one year. Those who passed the course were commissioned as officers with their ranks ranging from junior lieutenant to captain. The members of the course of instruction for field officer

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candidates, which lasted six months, were not obliged to do military service as a prerequisite for admittance. Those who successfully completed the course were commissioned as officers with ranks ranging from lieutenant to colonel. The trainees included numerous former mine workers, who were 30 to 45 years old.

5. A Soviet major, whose apartment was located on Visy Laszlo Street in the northern sector of the city, was frequently observed in the Bajcsy Zsilinszky Barracks.

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- * [REDACTED] Comment. Previous reports have mentioned the infantry officer candidate school. See [REDACTED]

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